

CONNECTING WITH THE WORLD



Pick up a catalog in Geneva Lounge to see the special giving and serving opportunities available to you and your family this Christmas season!

GOD'S GIFT SHOP: This year we are offering two giving opportunities. We will once again sponsor families from Westgate School. You can pick up a tag and purchase the gift items suggested or make a donation and we will shop. We are also offering the opportunity to give the gift of livestock to our new community in Jeanton, Haiti. You can purchase a livestock item or make a donation and we will add the donations together and purchase the livestock. We will also have items from Cameroon, Syria, and Ecuador for sale at our table. You might find something that would make a perfect gift. Stop by the table and pick up our God's Gift Shop catalog for other opportunities to get involved and serve this holiday season.

CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERING AT HEARTLAND HOPE MISSION

Help to sort and distribute toys and food at Christmas in South O!

Set up dates:

Thursday, Dec. 12 1 pm-4:30 pm
Friday, Dec. 13 9 am-12 pm and 1 pm-4 pm

Toy distribution dates:

Saturday, Dec. 14 9 am-1 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 17 6 pm-9 pm
Thursday, Dec. 18 1 pm-4 pm



Those interested in volunteering should contact Amanda at Heartland Hope directly by sending an email to: amanda@heartlandhopemission.org

INTERVARSITY PROGRESSIVE DINNER! Come and join us for the annual InterVarsity progressive dinner. West Hills will be hosting the dinner portion of this event at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We need volunteers for set up, greeting and joining the students at their dinner table, and clean-up. This is a great outreach event to college students. They love coming to West Hills and visiting with our congregation and enjoying all the beautiful decorations. Volunteers are needed at different times; check out the sign-up sheet in Geneva Lounge. This will be an awesome night of fellowship. Join us!



SAVE HY-VEE RECEIPTS: We are again collecting Hy-Vee receipts for the benefit of Westgate Elementary School. Receipts can be left in the white box located on the north side of Geneva Lounge. PLEASE NOTE: The receipts must be dated between the dates of September 1 and December 31, 2019.

ARE YOU NEW? NEWER?

WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU WORSHIPPING WITH US!

Are you a visitor or wishing to learn more about West Hills? Please fill out the friendship pad in your pew so that we may become better acquainted. Visitors are invited to the **Welcome Center** in Geneva Lounge to pick up a West Hills visitor's bag. We hope that you will join us in worship again soon!

THIS WEEK

SUN 12-1

Sunday Service with Communion: 9a & 10:30a
Nursery: 9:00a service infants to 3 yrs. & 10:30a service infants to 5 yrs.
Children's Crosswalk: check-in 8:45a (LL) 4 yrs.-6th grade
Youth Sunday School: 9a (LL) 7th-12th grade

Joint Service Fellowship: 10-10:30a

Discipleship Class: 10:30a

Hanging of the Green Service: 6p

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): 6:40p

AA Group: 8p

TUE 12-3

Men's Bible Study: 6:30a

Arts for All: 5, 6, & 7p

Women's Bible Study: 9:15a

Wednesday Night Youth Group 6:30p

Open Arms Bereavement Support Grp.: 7p

Al-Anon: 12p

THU 12-5

Stewardship Meeting: 6p

Young Life - Capernaum: 7p

Experience Christmas: 6-8p

InterVarsity Progressive Dinner: 7p

Al-Anon: 7p

FRI 12-6

BSF Leader Meeting: 6a

SAT 12-7

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Visit our website for all upcoming events: whcomaha.org

Preaching: Andy Hamer

Advent Candle: Denise and Libby Dolezal

Sound: Matt Huck

Media: Steve Burgess

Music: Al Anderson, Kaitlin Bates, Bridget

and Michael Backer, Steve Dostal, Kevin

Gibson, Kathy Leach, Jane Loeck, Stan

Parker

COMMUNION: If you would like to be served communion in your pew, please raise your hand. Gluten-free bread is available at both services.

Attendance

11-24-2019

11-17-2019

9:00

152

196

10:30

119

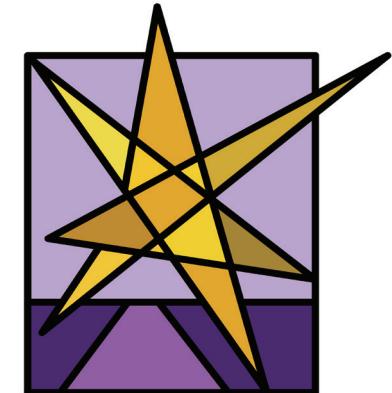
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TOTAL

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What They Were Looking For;
We're Looking For

December 1, 2019

Worship Celebration

Prelude

Even So Come

Welcome & Announcements

Preparing to Encounter God's Word

Call to Worship

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Peace

Light the Light, the Fire of Life

Encountering God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10 (page 481)

"The King's Path to Peace"

Celebration of Communion

Behold Him

Responding to God's Word

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

Shine On Us

Pastoral Blessing

He Came Down

Postlude

On a journey with the living Christ;
connecting with God, others and the world

CONNECTING WITH GOD

Hanging of the Green

Tonight! December 1 @ 6:00 p.m.



Experience once again the awe and wonder of the coming of Christ in this participatory, family-friendly service that helps mark the beginning of the Advent season. Together we will add the finishing touches to decorations in our sanctuary, sing Christmas carols, and enjoy choir selections, readings, video, dance and vocal and instrumental solos.

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NURSERY & CHILDREN

WE ARE GLAD YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN ARE HERE! We love having families worship with our “big West Hills family.” Your children are welcome in the worship service. A quiet room is available at the back and north side of the sanctuary, if the need arises. Worship resources for children are just outside the main sanctuary doors. The polka dotted bags are for pre-readers and solid colored bags for readers. *Please leave your used bags on the pew after the service.*

ALL CHURCH

Experience Christmas!

Friday, December 6 | 6-8 pm
Hands-on Christmas FUN!

West Hills Church
3015 S. 82nd Ave.



\$10 per family



Preregister to reserve a spot @ whcomaha.org

Gingerbread House Creations Christmas Cookie Contest Manger Project
Deck the Tree Ornaments Merry & Bright Photo Fun

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6! Bring your children, grandchildren, friends or neighbors for a time of shared memory-making with hands-on Christmas fun! This will be an evening to pause and reclaim the warmth and joy of Christmas by participating together in any or all of these activities: gingerbread house creation, the Christmas cookie contest, the manger project, deck the tree ornaments, and the merry and bright photo fun from 6-8 p.m. **Invite your people and please preregister to reserve your materials:** whcomaha.org or 402-391-8788. \$10 per family

Celebrations

Join us for a special Christmas event...

Friday, Dec. 13
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Meal & Entertainment
\$10 per person

Women's quartet
will perform
all the seasons
favorites!

Supported Mission: Good News Bear



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ALL CHURCH

2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE: 6 more faith promises were received during our third week of the 2020 Stewardship campaign; bringing the total pledges returned to 153. Again, “Thank you!” for all your generous responses to help complete the work God has for West Hills. We will be finalizing our planning for 2020 ministry using pledges returned through this upcoming Sunday, Dec. 8, so please prayerfully consider returning your faith promise in the upcoming weeks to enable West Hills to do the exciting work God has set before us in 2020.

NEW DISCIPLESHIP CLASS BEGINS TODAY! You're invited to a new class on Advent taught by Tom Backer in the chapel at 10:30 a.m. Come for one week or come for all four. Everyone is welcome!



CHILI AND CAROLING: Sign up today for this special West Hills tradition that will be held on Sunday, December 15, immediately following second service. Enjoy a simple meal and then share the good news of Jesus' birth through song with members of our West Hill family who are experiencing special challenges this season. Everyone is invited to join in. Just come with a hearty appetite and a joyful heart!

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY! West Hills is seeking a part-time Children's Ministry coordinator to oversee Crosswalk, our Sunday morning children's ministry. This is a part time position, with 5-8 hours of work each week. If you are interested in this position, please go to indeed.com and search

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HOSPITAL/REHAB: Jean Andersen - Hillcrest Rehab Bellevue, Phil Oftelie - Hillcrest Rehab Papillion, Barb Speicker - UNMC

HOSPICE: Sister Loretta Sedlmayer at Sisters of Mercy

ENCOURAGEMENT CARDS and the drop box are located at the Caregiving table by the north doors. Send a word of encouragement to someone this week!

PRAYER REQUEST? Please use the YELLOW prayer cards in the pew racks. Place your request in the offering plate.

PRAYER CHAIN: Shirley Nelson; 402-391-8370 or shurlnelson@gmail.com
Carolyn Collins; 402-331-7481 or carolyn4nu@aol.com

This Week's Prayer Focus...

Congregation: Barb & Bill Speicker: Prayers for Barb that she would be strengthened as she battles anemia related to her cancer treatment and for Bill as he cares for her.

Leadership: Jane Loeck, Elder of Caregiving: Thankfulness for a new grandson, Karson James Cisar, born November 21st. Prayers for our upcoming Caregiving Chili and Caroling event, that we would have lots of participants and that our homebound members would be blessed.

Monthly Mission Partner: North Omaha Good News Bears